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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Public Services

Indianization of the superior services.

*1651 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: With reference to appendix to answer to question No. 255, dated 14th March 1927, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased so far as the Presidency of Madras is concerned

(1) to furnish a statement showing the latest developments as to the indianization of the superior services as recommended by the Lee Commission and approved by the Secretary of State;

(2) to state the percentage of Indians on 1st January 1929 and 1st January 1930, in the several departments of the superior services dealt with by the Lee Commission?

A.—A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha:—"Referring to page 4 of the appendix may I enquire why the percentage of Indians in the Indian Civil Service which was 34 last year has increased only to 37 in January 1930? May I enquire at this rate whether it will be possible to reach in 15 years the percentage that has been recommended by the Lee Commission."

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"Arrangements have been made in order to carry out the recommendations of the Lee Commission."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha:—"May I know what are the steps taken by the Government? I find that at the rate at which you are going on, you cannot reach the 50 per cent in 15 years."

The hon. the President:—"That is a matter of opinion."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member how many Indians are there among the 23 I.M.S. officers that are in Civil employ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I must ask for notice of the question."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"May I know if the Government will be pleased to tell us how many Indians there were three years ago?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I must ask for notice of this question too."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha:—"With reference to the Forest service the same reply as is now given in the appendix to the answer to this question was given two years ago, viz. 'that the orders of the Secretary of State have not yet been received'. Having regard to the fact that the recommendations of the Lee Commission are very clear, viz., that 75 per cent of officers recruited to the Forest Service should be Indians and only 25 per cent Europeans, I want to know why the Government have not carried out the recommendations of the Lee Commission without waiting for the Secretary of State's orders which are pending for a long time?"

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 674 infra.

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The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" The Forest service is one of the Imperial services which is under the control of the Secretary of State and not under the control of the local Government."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member since when this question has been under correspondence between the local Government and the Imperial Government, in what stage the correspondence is and whether he can tell us when the question is likely to be settled ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I cannot say when the question will be settled."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know when the question was last discussed ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I am afraid I do not know. I must ask for notice."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" The number of Europeans has fallen from 43 to 41 on the 1st January 1930. I want to know why there has not been a corresponding increase in the number of Indians. May I know whether these vacancies have been caused by the retirement of Europeans and have not therefore been filled up ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I must ask for notice of the question."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Appointment of the Commissioners of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

* 1652 Q.—Mr. M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the term of office of the Commissioners of the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Board expires shortly ;

(b) whether the Government propose to consult the Madras Services Commission or not regarding the appointment to the Board ; and

(c) whether the Government have received any applications written or oral from persons belonging to the self-respect movement for appointment to the said offices ?

A.—(a) Yes.
(b) No.
(c) The Government have no official cognizance of the personnel of the self-respect movement.

Mr. M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the Government consider that the persons who belong to the self-respect movement do not believe in idolatry and as such are disqualified to hold the post of Commissioners on the Hindu Religious Endowments Board ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I do not think they are disqualified."

Mr. M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the Government propose to consider this question before making appointments in future ?"